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Fire in Mitchell Hall sparks safety concerns

BY DONNA BRUTKOSKI
NEWS EDITOR

Residents of Mitchell Hall were evacuated Thursday after a fire in a sixth-floor room filled the hallway with smoke and left some students temporarily trapped in the building.

University Police said a malfunctioning hair dryer started the fire, which left one room unlivable and several rooms around it damaged by smoke and water.

Residents were evacuated at 11 a.m. Fire trucks arrived shortly after.

UPD Director Dolores Stafford said no one was injured in the fire, but one housekeeper suffered from smoke inhalation.

Several students, however, were

trapped in their rooms on the sixth floor. Sophomores Becca Trent and Carol Wegel said they were not able to get to the stairs because of the thick smoke.

"People couldn't get out," sophomore Giancarlo Bacigalupo said. "I heard one guy crawled on the floor and was able to get out."

"I heard the alarm go off, and when I opened my door I couldn't see the left side of my floor," junior Kevin Boyle said.

Students accustomed to late-night fire drills said a real emergency took them by surprise.

"I didn't think it was real," sophomore Rany Albaghdadi said. "It was more of a pain in the ass than anything else."

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Ed. secretary warns of negative campaigns

Riley stresses need for reform in schools

BY CLAIRE DUGGAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley said negative campaigning in elections has become a disturbing trend in politics and education is the way to change this trend.

"So many of the (campaign) ads seem to be drumming on the negative," Riley said in an address in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre Thursday. "It's a sorry way, I think, to look at the world. And then we wonder why the American people seem to get to feeling so low — that they want to go out, and perhaps, kick their dog for no good reason at all."

Riley also discussed Clinton's legislative package for education, the condition of public schooling and the continuing effort to heal problems in the U.S. education system.

In 1978, Riley established himself as a national figure in the area of educational reform while serving two terms as governor of South Carolina.

Riley offered some advice for politicians on the subject of campaigning. "I urge all the candidates out there to be a little more high-minded and to stop packaging people's fears and frustrations into 30-second sound bites."

But Riley said education is not



Richard W. Riley

the main issue in campaign commercials, and it is up to the American people to make it a primary concern. "Public education has always been, and remains to this day, the open door to American success and good citizenship, the American way to achievement and freedom for all people."

Since January 1992, when Riley was appointed to the Clinton cabinet, Congress passed seven education bills. Next week, Clinton will sign the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The Clinton administration's bills are created to help heal problems in the public schools of America, Riley said. "Public schools all over America are dealing with violence and drug use, family breakup, racial tension, the

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Photo by Claire Duggan

Students and their parents dine together at J Street Saturday evening. The dinner was a Family Weekend event.

Families flood Foggy Bottom as GW welcomes parents

BY SHANNON JOYCE
HATCHET REPORTER

Most universities try to keep the parents of both current and potential students apart. GW, however, thrives on bringing them together.

During the Colonial Convention in the Smith Center Saturday morning, President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg addressed parents of both groups of students. The convention was the opening celebration for Family Weekend as well as an open house for prospective students.

The weekend "gives the parents a chance to see GW, address their needs, see that their children are being well served and the University is doing what they are paying it to do," Trachtenberg said. A faculty lecture series, an academic fair and open houses for the career center, the counseling center and the language lab gave visitors a chance to meet with GW's faculty and administration.

Families also took advantage of many of the local attractions. Students led tours to Arlington Cemetery, Union Station, Washington Harbor, the National Zoo and several museums. Some parents, such as James and Judith Delany, enjoyed having an opportunity "to see a little more of the city."

A dinner at the J Street food court and a Sunday brunch gave parents the opportunity to sample some of the meal plan food and experience the new dining area.

Many returning families chose to break off from the scheduled

activities and go at their own pace.

"We've done more things on our own this year," GW mom Patricia Michney said. "Last year we pretty much stuck to the schedule."

Members of the Parents' Advisory Board were "pleasantly surprised by the interest that has been shown by the parents," according to board member Charlotte Jones.

"For me, family weekend is the biggest weekend on campus," said Parent Services Director Rodney Johnson. Unlike Colonial Inauguration, "all the students are here with the parents," giving parents a different view of campus.

Johnson hopes that the events will help people see that parents have "a real place in the University."

GW opens its house to interest next year's possible freshmen

BY MONIQUE HARDING
HATCHET REPORTER

Last weekend's festivities weren't only for parents — prospective students also flooded campus for Open House.

Several student organizations participated in preparations to make the weekend fulfilling and informative for incoming freshmen.

"GW students are great ambassadors of the school," said Nadine Romstedt, associate director of the Admissions Office. "The point of having it during Family Weekend is to have the prospective students' families meet with currently enrolled students' families."

At least 170 prospective students had arrived for check-in by Saturday morning, with many more expected later that day.

Most students who visited this weekend came from the East Coast and indicated GW is their first choice.

"It's a city campus. It's compact and modern," said Darryl Diamond of Upper Saddle, N.J.

Californian Matt Robold said he is impressed with GW's location. "I live on the West Coast and finally getting to the capital and the monuments of the power city ... it's a big deal," Robold said. "GW, from what I've seen, would be the best school for internship programs."

"I love it here," said Erin Anderson of McDonough, N.Y. She said she enjoyed the atmosphere, which she finds "really loose-relaxed but still intellectual" and "integrated into the city."

Her only complaint? "Lack of crosswalks." Shane Morris of Hopewell Junction, N.Y., said she wants to go into politics. "GW is right here in the middle. I get the best chances for internships and opportunities," she said.

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And another thing . . .

Midterms aren't so bad; blue books build character

The whirl of activity at the bookstore checkout, where they keep the blue examination books, tells me midterms are upon us again.

Midterms are hell, as Gen. Sherman once almost said. God, how I love it so. Midterms test us and define us. Weak with Ramen noodle-induced scurvy, hallucinating from sleep deprivation, aching with carpal tunnel syndrome — that is when we students are at our best.

Midterms teach us some of life's most important lessons that never appear on a syllabus. If it weren't for midterms I never would have learned how lovely Washington

looks in the dawn light.

And midterms teach us many lessons that should be on a syllabus:

- Geography: If you live in Thurston and have a 12:30 p.m. test in Fonger, you can't study until 12:28 p.m. and make it there on time.

- Biology: Coffee is bad for you, especially after 17 cups make your hand shake so badly you can't write the in-class essay.

- English as a foreign language: Speaking and writing skills are the first things to go after 48 hours without sleep.

- Electrical engineering: There is no way to set your alarm clock to

allow for review time before a 9:30 a.m. exam.

- Economics: When it's five minutes until test time and you have 17 cents to buy a 20-cent blue book, you are bearing the burden of the sales tax.

Why do we need blue books, anyway? Is there some test-taking advantage to small sheets of paper? Is it easier for the professor? Are any of them anal enough to care?

Why do we have to buy our own blue books in the first place? I think a lot of people come to GW with the assumption \$18,000 tuition covers their \$2 worth of blue books.

And how much profit is the bookstore making on these things? The Hatchet needs to bust out a scathing exposé on blue books.

Since entering GW I've bought dozens of blue books and used six, at most. And those six I had to borrow from some passerby on the street, because I'd already lent all of mine. Like Saharan nomads sharing water, students never violate the sacred code of giving blue books — someday, we may be in need ourselves.

This is just one of many ways students bond during examination periods. There's something about everyone going through the same hell together that forges a real feeling of community. When you see people with lines on their face from

falling asleep at their desks, your heart goes out to them — you've been there, and probably will be there again.

Yes, the brother/sisterhood of students is at its strongest during these times. Work on, my brothers and sisters!

Think of me as you do. Like any proper senior, I planned my schedule carefully and only had one midterm this semester. I'll be in Florida all next week. And I'm paying for it with my profits from selling blue books outside exam rooms — at \$5 each.

Ha ha ha ha ha!

- John Rega

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Code violations staid during September

BY DONNA BRUTKOSKI
NEWS EDITOR

Fewer freshmen than usual were charged with violations of the Code of Student Conduct in September, but the number of total violations for the month was close to last year.

Judicial Affairs Director Mike Walker, said 40 students were charged with violations. Of those students, 11 were freshmen.

"There's normally a whole lot of freshmen charged," Walker said. However, he said statistics for October are usually higher than those for September, and that the statistics for freshmen may go up this month.

"September and October are typically two of our busier months," Walker said.

The number of violations itself was similar to that of last year. Forty-two students were charged with violations in September 1993.

Of the students charged, 27 live in the residence hall system, a number Walker said is average.

Alcohol-related offenses were

the most common, with 23 charges. Two students were evicted from the residence hall system because of drug offenses.

Walker said the drug offenses were cases in which drug paraphernalia was found in the students' rooms and residue on the paraphernalia was identified as an illegal substance. He added that the decisions in both cases are being appealed.

Walker said Judicial Affairs tries to assign community service as a sanction whenever possible.

"We have an emphasis on educational, as opposed to punitive sanctions," he said. In addition to community service, students are often sent to alcohol education seminars.

However, punitive measures are taken with students who do not comply with sanctions. Walker said students who do not finish their community service in the allotted time are not allowed to register for classes until they have completed their obligation, but added that students with scheduling difficulties are given "the benefit of the doubt."

SEHD moves to University Inn

The Graduate School of Education and Human Development is setting up shop in a fully renovated building on G Street, trying to fuse state-of-the-art technology with time-honored educational excellence.

"This building is more than pretty and nice," Dean Peter Smith said. "It shows the commitment the administration is making for better working and learning spaces."

One of the most technologically sophisticated buildings on campus, the formerly crumbling University Inn is networked to Internet, GWIS2, voice mail and interactive technology that allows students and faculty to not only hear each other from room to room, but in many cases, see each other. Broadcasts made from the first floor can reach every room in the facility.

Concentrating a counseling lab, a master's degree plan, eight seminar rooms, classrooms and faculty under one roof promotes a heightened sense of community in the school, Smith said.

Plans for the renovation were in the works for two years.

"The faculty and I have been centrally involved in design down to picking the colors," said Smith.

-Lee Rumbarger

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Second chance

Ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide returned to power this weekend after three years of exile and immeasurable effort by the world to overthrow the junta that displaced him. A return to democracy in Haiti brings cheers from the oppressed Haitians, but that elation is almost drowned out by skepticism from other democracies that recall Haiti's marred track record. After all, this isn't the first time Haiti has experimented with democracy. They have much to prove to a world in which a substantial portion still views Haiti as a backward and corrupt "banana republic."

Aristide has several important responsibilities he must see to in these next few months. First, he must downsize the Haitian military by at least 80 percent, as he promised. Democracy cannot thrive as long as the threat of a revolution by a military dictator like Raoul Cedras looms. Then, Aristide must stay committed to the principals he embraced when he was elected president several years ago. He must work to rebuild relations with the Western Hemisphere and see to it that Haitians learn to trust their own government.

Even before Aristide was overthrown, critics complained that he was not living up to democratic expectations. He was hardly a champion of human rights, they charged. Now, Aristide must use this second chance to prove he is worthy of this fantastic effort by the United States and the United Nations. If Aristide is defeated in the upcoming presidential elections, he must willingly give up his power.

The ball is in Aristide's court. Unlike most revolutions, Haiti has been given a second chance. In the end, the law and the Haitian constitution has been victorious over force and terror. It is now up to Aristide to see that his country, which has seen great hardships and strife, continues on the right foot.

Ode to Family Weekend

When they erected a tent on the University Yard,

And defined the campus with large placards,
The folks came swarming, the administration was charming,
Family Weekend was back once again.

They scrubbed Thurston to a high gloss,

They decorated Lisner, Gelman and Ross,
The bars closed early, the Long Island invasion made us surly,
Family Weekend dragged on once again.

ServiceMaster spiffed up its menu, oh so yummy,

Parents thought we had food in our tummy,
But malnutrition well does not sit, we were forced to up and spit,
Family Weekend was thrust upon us once again.

They thought a big silly trolley would serve to impress,

But its collision with a taxi did cause distress.

Bob Chernak giggled, Trachtenberg wiggled

Family Weekend raged on once again.

The City Paper printed the Trachtenberg manifesto,

IT published some guy completely undressed.

Nametags abounded, Hail to the Buff resounded,

Make Family Weekend end once again.

Sunday things returned to business as always.

Next weekend they'll be puking in the hallways.

The charade is finished, our homesickness was diminished.

Can't wait for another Family Weekend again.

Turkish Cypriots' plight has been buried by Greek Turk majority

In the article, "Ambassador inaugurates photography exhibit for Cyprus' 34th Anniversary" (The GW Hatchet, Oct. 3, front page), your reporter alludes throughout to a "brutal Turkish invasion" of the island. While I am sure your reporter was only quoting what the so-called "ambassador" of Cyprus said at the opening of the photography exhibit, as a Turkish Cypriot I must speak up for the Turkish Cypriot community which has hitherto been completely ignored.

The "invasion" Jacovides refers to was the Turkish peace keeping effort of 1974. Conveniently, as was expected, Jacovides ignored Cyprus' history prior to 1974 and did not take any questions from the audience. The Greek student leader who was present attempted to justify this, rather unconvincingly, on the grounds that the occasion was not political but celebratory (I suppose we were to ignore the giant placards accusing Turkey of bloody murder). The flaw in presenting the Greek Cypriot case is that they never deal with why Turkey intervened in Cypriot affairs. What prompted the intervention of 1974 is a tragic story that the international community has opted to ignore.

At the heart of the tragedy lies the century-long Greek agitation for "Enosis" (Greek for "union") with mainland Greece that formally began in 1825 when Bishop Kyprianos of Kitium petitioned the first British governor of Cyprus. Turkish Cypriots, comprising 20 percent of the island's population, rejected this proposed subjugation to Greek rule in favor of an independent, bi-national republic and have maintained this position ever since. For the mainstay of the 19th century, the issue was ignored. But with the advent of British rule, the Greek Orthodox Church took up the cause for Enosis. At about the time of the turn of the century, Enosis became a psychotic fixation which turned violent and resulted in a series of spontaneous massacres of Turkish Cypriots.

The first president of Cyprus, the Greek Cypriot Ethnarch Archbishop Makarios, who made no effort to conceal his ultra-nationalistic fervor and anti-Turkish diatribes, came to rule Cyprus in 1960. While Makarios made Enosis an "holy oath" and worked for union with Greece on a political level, this tactic proved too slow for the mainland Greek administration who sent a Greek colonel, George Grivas, to further that goal via paramilitary means. Grivas organized the first Greek Cypriot death squads, EOKA (National Organization for the Cyprus Struggle), to ethnically cleanse Cyprus of its Turkish Cypriot minority, with Enosis as its sacrosanct dictum.

EOKA started its terror campaign against Turks (and unsympathetic Greeks) after its founding in the mid-1950s and continued after independence in 1960 with notable pogroms against the Turkish Cypriot community in 1963 and 1967. By this time, any safeguards for the Turkish Cypriot community embodied in the Cypriot constitution, including a seven to three representation clause in the parliament, were completely ignored. The Akritas plan to "amend" the constitution for gradual union with Greece and the formation of an underground army to suppress Turkish

resistance, was implemented.

Warnings from Turkey went unheeded and the EOKA campaign culminated with the formation of enclaves, forcing Turkish Cypriots, 20 percent of the population, into areas comprising roughly 3 percent of island territory. Coupled with the especially severe and systematic exterminations of Turkish villages in 1974 along with the eruption of intercommunal (and inter-Greek) warfare, Turkish troops, in an effort to save Turkish Cypriots from complete annihilation, entered Northern Cyprus.

The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, though not globally recognized, is a de facto state organized on the principles of self-determination and forced into existence by the severe oppression of Turkish Cypriots under the former Cypriot republic. Turkish intervention was completely justified on moral as well as legal grounds: the London and Zurich agreements of 1960 established Greece and Turkey as mutual guarantors of their respective Cypriot populations and required them to intervene in the event of catastrophe. Thus, we do not recognize Jacovides who represents Greek Cypriots only and not Cyprus.

I know I am speaking on behalf of all Turkish Cypriots when I say that with each passing day I pray that the Turkish military will remain in Cyprus as long as Greek zealots continue with their demented fanaticism. Sprinkled throughout Northern Cyprus are our own memorials of the Cypriot holocaust, which include village houses cordoned off after attacks. These commemorate the victims of Greek nationalism.

No matter how hard Greeks and Greek Cypriots try to denigrate the story of our struggle, there will come a day when we will have our voices heard. We are helped in this sense by the growing number of victims of the gross human-rights violations carried out in mainland Greece including the political imprisonment of anti-nationalist leaders, brutal suppression of the Turkish minority in Western Thrace, the immolation by Greek police forces of Albanian farmers who "accidentally" wander into Greek fields, the squabbling over the rights of ethnic Bulgarians and the questionable treatment of the Macedonian minority. All this is going on in a country that is a member of the European Community! As the number of victims grow, our voices grow stronger.

In a sense, Turkish Cypriots were lucky as they had the heroic forces of the Turkish military to safeguard them from destruction. Such was not the case for the Turks of Crete, 80 percent of whom were exterminated in formal Greek annexation of that island, nor for the victims of the Bosnian holocaust. Until the matter of genocide in Cyprus is addressed and until Greek Cypriots decide to opt for peaceful reconciliation by accepting Turkish Cypriots as political equals, Cyprus must and will remain divided.

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OPINION

Campus conservative groups should work together

The recent squabbles and troubles surrounding the College Republicans demonstrates again the ineffectiveness the group has had in rallying conservative and Republican students on campus to their cause. Its problems are not new. In past years the CR leadership has spent more time fighting amongst themselves than in fighting the liberal groups on campus. The College Republicans need to put their house in order if it wants to again become a respectable and effective student group.

As the new chairman of Young Americans for Freedom, I want to extend a call of unity to the College Republicans and the American Collegiate Conservatives. Past infighting within the CRs has now become in-fighting between our three groups. The time has come for all of us to work together. Our focus should be on groups like the College Democrats, as well as the liberal policies of President Clinton that directly affront our values and beliefs.

A tremendous opportunity awaits conservatives and Republicans alike as the November congressional elections approach. Republican candidates across the country are poised to capture a possible majority in the House and a likely majority in the Senate. Likewise, the GOP is on the verge of winning the governors' mansions in New York, Texas and Florida. Think of it — no more Kennedy, Foley and Cuomo.

Being a conservative Republican on a liberal-dominated campus is not just about explaining who we are; it is also about demonstrating who we are not. The CRs, YAF and the ACC should not be bashful in attacking and riling the College Democrats. What do they have to be proud of? Already they are wallowing in squeamish disappointment over their beloved Bill

and Hillary — broken promises on health care, taxes and foreign policy, the continuing scandals of Whitewatergate, Travelgate, Cattlegate, Bimbogate, the death of Vince Foster and the forced resignations of countless democratic politicians. After Nov. 8, it will be an even dimmer day for them.

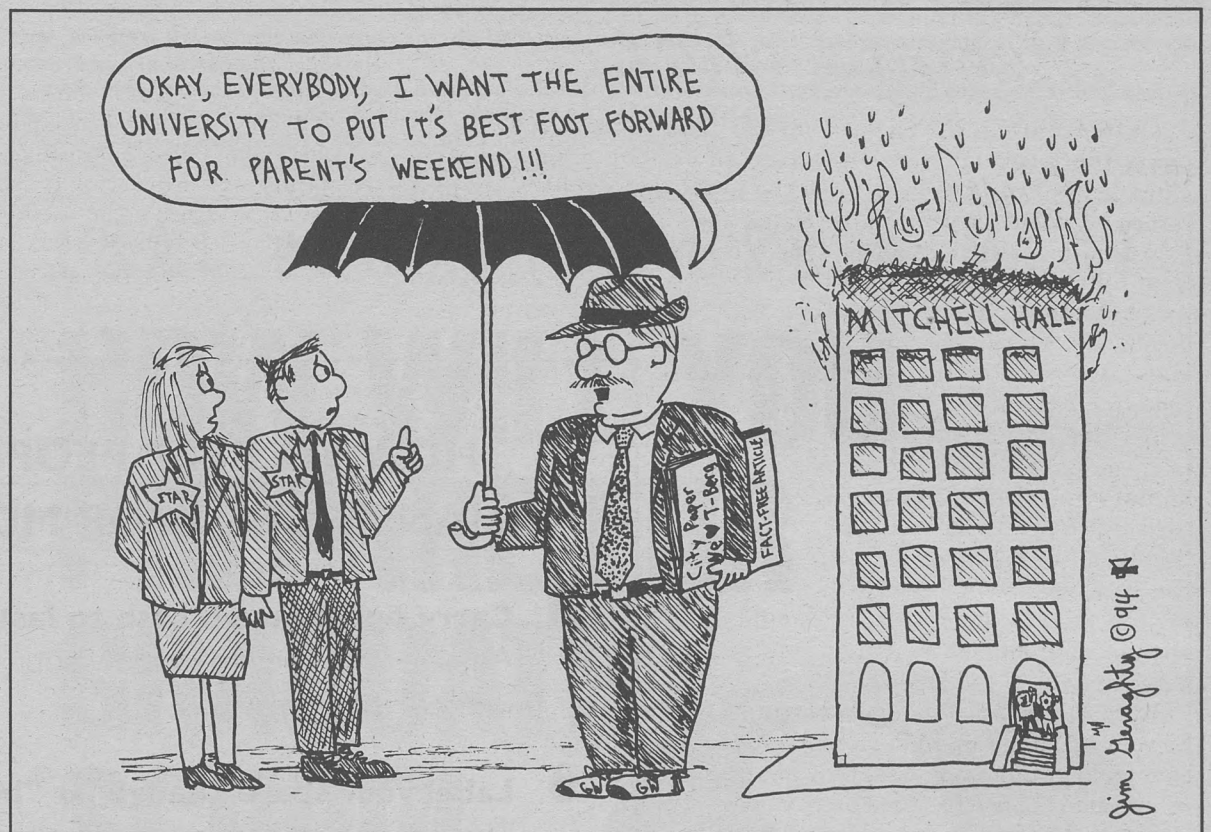
George Primbs

While YAF has certainly experienced cyclical activity as well as a plentiful share of controversy, it has been an established presence on this campus since the late 1960s. It has also held together a strong group of activists without the scandal and turmoil which has tainted the CRs.

Student politics should not be about resume-stacking, in-fighting, backstabbing, public whining and name-calling. That is for the student groups caught up in the ego-mania of the fourth floor of the Marvin Center. Student politics should be about articulating your principles, addressing issues loudly and having fun. Yes, fun. YAF has managed over the years to do this through bringing to campus speakers like Bay Buchanan and Congressman Phil Crane (R-Ill.), co-sponsoring debates on "political correctness," holding rallies for Desert Storm and protests against Marion Barry and hosting serious events like the "Fall of the Berlin Wall" and satirical ones like "Straight Pride Day."

The time is now for the CRs, YAF and the ACC to come together to engage the left on campus. Not only should we address important local and national issues but we should also confront campus problems like political correctness, multiculturalism and race-baiting. The call is out. Let's get to work.

George Primbs is chairman of Young Americans for Freedom.



Clinton a pro at passing the buck, but fails at international affairs policies



Andrew Pearlman

There is a highly esteemed though unspoken doctrine in American politics that exempts politicians from accountability. President Clinton has elevated this doctrine to unfathomable heights. His administration has blamed foreign policy ineptitude on everything from the District's torrid humidity to the baseball strike. But the main object of the administration's exculpatory rhetoric has been directed at the absence of a Cold War. There are two reasons

for this. First, the president no longer has the backing of a united American public. And second, the president faces a global arena that is much more unstable. But even with such dramatic change, the president must acknowledge that his effort to lead the global community has, at its best, been abominable.

The backbone of Clinton's policy rests in his commitment to human rights. Therefore, whenever a rights violation occurs, the president dashes to the airwaves, condemning injustice with threats. Unfortunately, his priggish verbiage no longer commands any respect. By compounding this with an intransigent Congress, foreign policy is not an easy task. But these obstacles are just minor impediments in comparison to a far more dangerous tendency of this president.

Clinton's foreign policy is dictated by a willingness to compromise his world leadership duties with the agendas of American interest groups. What other reason would prompt the United States to apply sanctions to one perpetrator of rights and conciliatory negotiations with another that has just as dubious a human rights record?

American ethnic interest groups

are influential within the United States, as far as voting blocks are concerned. Clinton realizes that to gain their vital support at the polls, he must do something for them, however rash, to explicate his loyalty for their cause. And this is the tragedy of it all. By meddling on behalf of interest groups, with politically expedient sanctions and embargoes which only worsen the plight of the oppressed, the United States actually exacerbates the debilitating malignancy already existing within the country.

Isolating a country does not magically instill democratic change, it breeds resentment. Twice this year, an ill-conceived policy of antagonism nearly caused unnecessary bloodshed. Jimmy Carter bailed us out of Haiti and North Korea. He displayed a willingness to work with the obstacle rather than isolating it. It took a political outsider to do so — someone free from the political wrangling of polls and voting blocs. The United States and the rest of the global community would be well served to take notice of a future Nobel Peace Prize winner's course of diplomacy.

Andrew Pearlman, a junior, is majoring in English.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Top notch

I would like to clarify some of the statements which I feel were misleading in the Hatchet editorial of Sept. 26 ("If it ain't broke ...," The GW Hatchet, p. 4).

The notion that requiring students to have some form of health insurance is "a good way to make money for the University" is erroneous.

About 15 percent of students visiting the health service report that they are not insured. For those in your example — someone with a sore throat being examined, having a throat culture and receiving medication, insurance is not an issue. But for those students who need extensive lab testing,

radiological examinations, specialist referral or admission to the hospital, their ability to continue with their education can hinge on whether or not they took this precaution. Every year we see students face this crisis and that is why this issue is under discussion.

Also, nurse practitioners and physician assistants are health providers who are well trained and must meet accreditation standards to practice. You will see them working hand in hand with physicians in hospitals, private offices and Health Maintenance Organizations as well as in emergency rooms and Student Health Services.

On a more personal note, as a physician practicing for more than 21 years, the last 15 of which have

been in Student Health, I continue to be impressed at the diligence, the knowledge base, the expertise and the caring professionalism of our NPs and PAs. Part of their training is recognizing their limits and consulting or referring to physicians who are always on duty during regular clinic hours.

Finally, the article "Student Health gets a check-up" by Karen Daly (The GW Hatchet, Sept. 26, front page) was informative and accurate. I appreciate the effort your reporter made to provide useful information to your readers.

*-Isabel Kuperschmit, M.D.,
medical director,
Student Health Services*

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Students show concern as plague ravages India

Community fears safety of families, friends

BY LEE RUMBARGER
HATCHET REPORTER

Stretching national borders to strike fear in people throughout the world, the outbreak of pneumonic plague in India is on the minds of much of the Indian community at GW.

"It's scary because you don't know what to think - it's like the Middle Ages," freshman Segal Gohel said. "This past week, where my grandparents live, they have a big cultural celebration. Usually people stay out all night dancing now they can't stay after (midnight) because officials are afraid the plague might spread."

With 6,000 suspected plague cases across India, and at least 56 dead, the international community has restricted travel to and from India, and require medical screening for travelers.

GW students studying in India are in the southern part of the country, away from the epicenter of plague victims, Study Abroad Director Andrea Spangler said.

The Study Abroad Office is in contact with the directors of the program in India, who update university administrators about "where the students have traveled and what precautions have been taken," Spangler said.

Freshman Nehal Patel said his family recently canceled a trip to India because of plague concerns.

"I don't think people will be going to India soon - even Indian people (from abroad)," Gohel said.

In addition to deterring tourism, Indian officials say that advances must be made in the health condition there, or the plague will be a roadblock to India's rise as a world-wide economic player.

"This is a warning to the government that they should have better medical testing. The Indian government says the plague is over, but that's incredibly premature," senior Cindy Palusamy said.

Pneumonic plague is highly contagious, passed from person to person by coughs and sneezes. The disease can be treated with antibiotics if detected early.

USA Today contest honors nation's top undergraduates

USA Today is searching for the best and brightest college students.

As part of their annual contest, the newspaper will name 60 top university undergraduates to their 1995 All-USA Academic team.

The newspaper uses the word "team" to emphasize that academics are just as important as athletics, according to a statement.

USA Today is most concerned with finding students who have created an outstanding original academic or athletic project. The student's ability to describe his or her work is what will be judged, the statement said.

Leadership also is a key factor in the selection process.

The 60 winners will be divided into three teams. The 20 members of the first team will be invited to Washington to receive their awards.

Each member of the first team will win \$2,500. All 60 students will receive recognition in a special section of the Feb. 3 issue of USA Today.

Interested students should contact Carol Skalski at (703) 276-5890.

-Michelle Von Euw

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Welcome to another Nightmare

Wes Craven digs up Freddy again in 7th Elm Street installment

BY BETH BUHOT
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

If metafiction defines a film about writing fiction, then Wes Craven's New Nightmare could be considered a "metafilm," a movie about making a movie.

Sure, it has been done before, and it's been done better (for example, Robert Altman's *The Player*). However, combining this concept with Craven's trademark brand of horror makes for a good laugh.

Heather Langenkamp, who played Nancy in the original *Nightmare on Elm Street*, plays herself. Langenkamp has settled into a spacious California home with her husband Chase (David Newsom), a special effects artist, and her 5-year-old son, Dylan (Miko Hughes). There's only one problem: Freddy Krueger found his way off the big screen and into her life. It starts with phone calls ("One, two Freddy's coming for you ...") and escalates into a full-scale

war.

Soon Langenkamp's husband is found dead, the tell-tale claw marks ripped across his body.

The blood and gore, however, are not what makes this a worthwhile picture. The best moments are those in which the satire shines through. In one scene, Freddy's theme music begins to play as Langenkamp hesitantly approaches the ringing telephone. As the music reaches a crescendo, the caller announces himself.

"L.A. Limo," a chauffeur says, waiting to whisk Heather off to her next interview.

Afraid to disclose the incidents to just anyone, Langenkamp calls the man who played Freddy — Robert Englund. She tells him about the murder and the nightmares. A hilarious look of disappointment spreads across Englund's face as she confesses that her attacker was much "scari-er" than Freddy.

Langenkamp also calls Nightmare writer Wes Craven. Craven ironically announces that, "I think the only way to stop him is to make another movie." As they walk through his study, the camera pans Craven's computer screen, on which the words of their last con-



Heather Langenkamp returns to her old boiler room haunts.

versation are written in script format.

It is from this point that the action escalates, with Heather fighting viciously to protect her son. Freddy's appearances, however, are heavily foreshadowed and rarely surprising. By setting a humorous tone early in the film, Craven undermines the element of shock.

Incidents that are intended to be frightening become a form of

gross amusement. The audience cackled as Krueger attacked Dylan's babysitter, Julie (Tracy Middendorf). Equally laughable were Dylan's numerous trances, in which he assumed Freddy's voice. These scenes added bits of unintentional comedy to the film.

If you're in the mood to see a good horror flick in time for Halloween, pass this one over. If you're up for a laugh, though, check out the New Nightmare.

Tarantino's latest is not just bloody Pulp

BY DIANA ROSENBERG
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Pulp Fiction, Best Picture winner at the 1994 Cannes Film Festival, is an anthology film that focuses on today's Los Angeles underground. Three stories are woven together to tell of small time criminal life. And, as in all of Quentin Tarantino's films (*True Romance*, *Reservoir Dogs*), there is a lot of blood, but this one leaves you laughing as well.

For those who don't know what "pulp" means, there is a handy dandy little definition at the beginning of the film. But for those of you that are still standing in line waiting to get popcorn when it appears on the screen, it means a book containing lurid subject matter that is printed on rough unfinished paper (lurid is the key word here).

Pulp Fiction begins with Honey Bunny (Amanda Plummer) and Pumpkin (Tim Roth) planning to rob a restaurant instead of their usual gas stations and liquor stores. They set the tone for the action to follow, making the audience realize that this film isn't just about blood and guts; it has a soft fluffy side, too.

From here the three stories evolve, introducing the audience to a myriad of characters and personalities. And since there are three stories, there is not only one star. If there is a star in one story, that person is most likely going to be a supporting character in the next.

This is what really makes this film work. The audience doesn't have time to get wrapped up (or bored) with one character. Tarantino accounts for our short attention spans and makes two and a half hours fly right by. But the characters the audience meets are unforgettable, each lending his or her own personality to this dark crime world.

After the Honey Bunny and Pumpkin meeting, the stories begin with Vincent Vega (John Travolta, whose performance will most likely revive his career) and Jules Winnfield (Samuel L. Jackson), who work for Marsellus Wallace (Ving Rhames). Travolta and Jackson seem like an unlikely match, but they have an electricity between them, making their dialogues exciting.

In the first scene they talk about the differences between McDonald's in the United States and in France (a quarter pounder with cheese is called a royale with cheese in France because of the metric system).

These funny dialogues make the viewer forget that blood is everywhere and someone's head is blown off in the backseat of the car.

The big break from gore in the first story comes when Vega and Mia (Uma Thurman) go to a '50s-style diner high on heroin and cocaine. This is a diner where Ed Sullivan is your maitre'd and Buddy Holly is your waiter. And this nifty '50s shindig has a twist contest. Dance, Travolta, dance! It's a scene that makes you want to strut over to the video store and pick up a copy of *Saturday Night Fever*.

The next story revolves around Butch Coolidge (Bruce Willis), a young prizefighter, and what happens when he doesn't listen to Marsellus. This story may not be the most humorous, but it does score bonus points in the blood department. And what is Willis' weapon of choice? Yes, boys and girls, a samurai sword. No nice bullet holes here.

The movie winds up back with Jules and Vincent where we met them in the first story. These scenes allow Jackson to shine, making the audience wish he was in the film a lot more.

Pulp Fiction has it all: a crime boss, two-bit hoods, the prizefighter who blows the fight, the potential affair between the crime boss' wife and his employee, corrupt cops and the existential void. But that's really all that can be said about it. Any more would be like reading the last page of a book first.

This is an entertaining film that should be experienced. Hey, if you don't like it, at least you'll be in the mood for *Saturday Night Fever*.

Morose O'Connor gets worse with age

BY TATIANA K. FIX
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Most artists tend to improve with time. This does not seem to be the case with Sinead O'Connor.

O'Connor's new album, *Universal Mother* (Chrysalis/EMI), unfortunately is lower in rank than her three previous albums. The inferiority of *Universal Mother* is especially pronounced when compared to O'Connor's last original LP, *I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got* (her third album, *Am I Not Your Girl?*, consisted entirely of cover material).

Most of the songs on *Universal Mother* are long and languid, particularly "All Babies," "In This Heart" and "Tiny Grief Song." These three songs actually sound like church music. In addition, O'Connor doesn't use her voice to its maximum ability and potential as she did so remarkably on *I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got*.

Perhaps she made this album in a rush or she

while was depressed — she does have a reputation of being susceptible to depression. The lyrics also tend to create a dismal and nostalgic atmosphere: "They gave us money/ not to teach our children Irish/ and so we lost our history/ and this led to massive self-destruction/ alcoholism and drug addiction." These bleak lyrics reflect Sinead's embittered disposition.

"Fire On Babylon" and "All Apologies" probably are the best songs on this album, but compared to the best songs of her previous album they're absolutely without merit. The beats on some of *Universal Mother*'s songs are good but paltry, if compared to, for example, "The Last Day Of Our Acquaintance" off of the second album.

Perhaps "Nothing Compares 2 U" was the only universal hit intended for Sinead O'Connor. In light of this album it's hard to say. Anyway, she's still young and undoubtedly has a beautiful voice, and this is only her fourth record. She has plenty of time for further success and a second hit to parallel "Nothing Compares 2 U."

Bosstones' latest effort is Questionable

BY BETH BUHOT
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Question the Answers (Mercury) marks the fourth album for Boston's ska kings The Mighty Mighty Bosstones. For this release, the Bosstones enlisted the help of the Butcher Brothers, who recently produced Urge Overkill and Cypress Hill and Paul Kolderie who, aside from producing the first two Bosstones albums on Taang Records, has worked with the Pixies and Hole. The results are mixed, ranging from marvelous to mediocre.

Track one, the up-tempo "Kinder Words," starts the album on a promising note. Its pleasantly

harmonized chorus pleases the ear. Its horn line is fit for the fastest of skankers.

However, the album slips as track two, "A Sad Silence," kicks in. This one is heavy on the hardcore side, replete with abrasive vocals. There is a series of long-winded guitar solos to boot.

The same could be said for "A Dollar and A Dream." The song alternates a slow, reggae beat with speedy interludes of punk. Though the formula has worked for many bands including the Bosstones themselves, this one falls flat for lack of transitions.

"Stand Off," finally gets the album back on track. Dicky Barret and Ben Carr harmonize beautiful-

ly. The song also benefits from the use of more melodious hardcore, the type popularized by bands like Bed Religion, Pennywise and Green Day.

However, a remake of their own "Dogs and Chaplains," produced by Bosstones soundman Ross Humphrey, definitely tops the album. The track highlights the talent of sax man Timothy Burton and utilizes a rousing call and response chorus, reeking of the band's heyday.

Questions might be the answer for the diehard ska fan. For the rest of us, though, the album just goes to show that they're little more than the guys who made a Converse commercial.

SPOTLIGHT

GW students 'hook up' for info and enjoyment

BY ROBYN SIMMONS
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Bringing a fast paced life into one's bedroom may mean hooking up. Hooking up to the George Washington Information System that is.

Riding on the information superhighway, cruising for information and conversation may mean doing nothing more than getting up and walking two steps to a desk near the bed.

Looking up information at Gelman Library formally meant students needed to head to H Street and use the library's computer system, Aladin. Now, students can access the same information from their personal computers in their rooms or the computer labs on campus thanks to GWIS2, GW's new computer system that is accessed by student's with an e-mail account.

Not only can students access Aladin through e-mail, but they also can chat with their friends and family thousands of miles away, talk to Australians on bulletin boards, learn the latest lyrics to a Depeche Mode song or even find the name and address of a nearby dry-cleaning store. All these opportunities are available to any GW student with an ID valid for the current semester who visits the Computer Information and Resource Center in the basement of the academic center.

"I went to get my account from

CIRC within the first two weeks of school. Two days later, I was writing to my friends at other colleges," freshman Pam White says. "After awhile, my roommate showed me how to get on a bulletin board system and now I use it continually, talking to Australians and other people around the world."

White, like many other students, found that once she tapped into the Internet, a wealth of other opportunities awaited.

"Once I was on a bulletin board system I was learning a lot about computers in general and e-mail in particular. There are a lot of people out there that know so much and are willing to share their knowledge," White says.

Mary L. Albert just started in the 1996 class of the Executive Master of Business Administration program at the GW campus outside Leesburg, Va. Albert logged onto the system for the first time Saturday.

"I plan to use e-mail two or three times a week to communicate and share files with my study group," Albert says. "I will also be using Aladin for research on a regular basis."

Albert says she finds the convenience of the system to be its greatest advantage.

"One of the features of this system that I like is that I don't have to leave my house to access the resources I need at any time of day," Albert says.

Not only do the way people use



photo by Claire Duggan

Thurston Hall residents, including (l. to r.) Adrienne Casey and Jake Beattie, can use the computer lab to e-mail without paying a penny for a local call.

their e-mail accounts vary, but so do the reasons that people originally start their accounts.

"I got an account because it is mandatory for the SBPM (School of Business and Public Management) proficiency test," says Josh Frumkin, a freshman international business major. "Now I use it about every other day to talk to friends at other universities and here. I think the system that we have here is pretty good. I wasn't, very happy with that virus last week, but those things happen."

Although many students only use the e-mail to give and receive

messages, others have used e-mail to talk. "I mainly use e-mail to talk to my friends at other schools," sophomore Ronald Jacobs says. "One of my favorite features, though, is the talk program which enables two people to talk simultaneously."

Freshman Scott Lowder also is familiar with the talk program. He uses it once or twice a week to talk to his girlfriend at the University of Massachusetts.

"The greatest thing about it is that it's free. One of us will call the other on the phone long enough to work out a time to get on-line. Then

we just talk over the computer at the designated time," Lowder says. "I had an \$80 phone bill the second month of school, so I am hoping that using e-mail will cut that cost down. Now my girlfriend and I are able to have conversations that last a few hours without having to worry about paying a huge phone bill."

Driving on the information superhighway not only gives students access to information but brings people together via keyboards and monitors. For those students willing to cruise the Internet, speed limits are boundless.

ATM machine talks the talk

NIH ATM machines in Marvin Center chat with customers

BY CATHERINE MCNAMEE
HATCHET REPORTER

Thanks to modern technology, it's not just people who are doing the talking these days.

Nowadays nagging alarm clocks and morning brews from

chatty coffee makers wake people up. Even scales are talking now, much to the dismay of people who hold too many conversations with the intercom at their local McDonald's drive-thru.

GW and the National Institutes of Health Credit Union have

embraced this concept of investing in verbose automated teller machines on the ground floor of the Marvin Center.

"The machines were installed with a voice function in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act for the blind," an NIH employee explained. "It enables a seeing-impaired person to complete his transaction without troubling himself with Braille instructions."

The loquacious machines have received mixed reviews from the GW community. Scores of money hungry students utilize the Marvin Center ATMs every day, and feelings about the polite, formal voice greeting them range from amusement to irritation.

"I think it's very entertaining," said GW student Anna McLaughlin. "It's something to listen to and laugh at while I'm waiting for my money."

Fellow student Hannah Katz, however, holds a different opinion on "the voice from within."

"It's very annoying. We're in college, and we should be able to read the instructions for an ATM transaction," Katz said.

The talking ATM's have started a new kind of sport at GW. Several students have said they race the person at the machine next to them. The person who finishes first wins the little competition.

Katz said that "when you hear 'thank you for banking with us' from the machine next to you, you know it's over."



photo by Claire Duggan

"Please enter your secret number," says the soothing voice of the ATM machine on the ground floor of the Marvin Center.

Viewers at IMAX destined for lines

BY MELISSA ROBISON

HATCHET REPORTER

It is now possible to orbit earth, dive to the bottom of the ocean and fly over Nevada. Or at least it is seemingly imaginable by watching a film at the National Air and Space Museum's Langley Theater. Although not as spectacular as the round screen of an Omnimax theater at the museum, this IMAX theater does have a large screen and uses larger film than normal theaters.

Destiny in Space has spectacular scenes of Earth, Mars and other planets. This film takes the viewer from lift-off to the moon, Mars and through the Hubble telescope. The photography pulls one in and makes it feel realistic. As a shuttle orbits the earth, so does the viewer, especially as it flies over the surface of Mars. It is hard to suppress the urge to cheer as the last repair is successfully completed on the Hubble telescope. *Destiny in Space* lasts about 40 minutes.

Tickets for the five different films currently showing can be purchased up to two weeks in advance, but can not be reserved by phone. Some of the more popular weekend shows sell out quickly. It is best to get to the theater at least a half hour before the show for good seats. Expect to wait in line, because just when it seems time to have an attack of claustrophobia, a seat becomes available. Leaving an empty seat between viewers is not allowed. Be prepared to have your personal space violated for at least an hour.

To Fly is the theater's most popular film and lasts about 30 minutes. *To Fly* begins with views from a hot air balloon and also contains scenes from the Blue Angels.

Other movies featured at the Langley Theater include *The Dream is Alive* about the history of astronauts, *Blue Planet* about the environment and the future of the earth, and *Titanica*, which takes viewers to the depths of the ocean.

With a school ID, admission for full-time students is \$2.

For more information about any of the Langley Theater films, the National Air and Space Museum has a pre-recorded message at (202) 357-1686.

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Brown Bag Lunch with Bernard Knox 12 - 1pm in the University's Honors Program (2138 G). Sponsored by UHP. Open to faculty and honors students. Info: 994-6816

Faculty Artist Series 7:30pm in the Marvin Betts Theatre. Lynn Hertel, flute & Malinee Peris, piano. \$5 general, \$3 GW faculty, alumni & staff, \$1 GW students & senior citizens. Info: 994-6245

Study Abroad Info Mtg 11:30am in Stuart 108. Info: 994-1649

Tuesday, October 18

Regionalism & European Union: Retrospect & Prospect. Speaker Prof. Murphy from 4:15 - 6pm in Gelman 643. Sponsored by the Geography Dept. & the European Studies Program. Info: 994-6239

Jet Info Session Sponsored by the Career Center. 5 - 7pm in the Colonial Commons. Info: 994-6495

They Might Be Giants Concert 8pm in Lisner Auditorium. \$15 students, \$20 general. Sponsored by PB. Info: 994-7313

Gautam Adhikar Speaking on global communications. 7pm in MC 410. Sponsored by NCCS & ESIA. Info: 994-6227

Wednesday, October 19

Wild Wednesdays Sponsored by Ecumenical Christian Ministry. 7:30 - 9pm every Wednesday in the College Room of the Western Church (24th & G). Free weekly fellowship. Info: 51-6434

Program Board General Mtg 8:30pm in MC 429.

Universally Speaking Toastmasters Club 6:30pm in MC 405. Info: (703) 525-7379

Progressive Student Union General Meeting MC 402-404 at 8pm. All welcome. Info: 994-7284

Schlindler's List Film sponsored by the Program Board. 10pm in George's. Info: 994-7313

Coming Out Group 6:30 - 8:00pm in the Counseling Center. Info: Brian 994-6550

GW Men's Soccer v. Maryland. 1pm at RFK Aux. Field (Stadium Metro stop). Info: 994-9003

GW Women's Soccer v. James Madison. 3pm at RFK Auxiliary Field (Stadium / Armory Metro Stop). Info: 994-9003

Honor Code Public Hearings 8:30pm in Thurston Piano Lounge. Sponsored by the SA. Info: 994-7100

Sexual Assault, Date and Domestic Violence 7:30 - 9pm in Strong Hall Piano Lounge. Sponsored by Strong Hall, UPD & the Office of Substance Abuse and Prevention.

GW HRM Open House 8pm in Monroe 104. Sponsored by the Society for Human Resource Mgmt. Meet HRM profs Paul Malone, Debra Cohen & Paul Swiercz. Info: 785-2030

Thursday, October 20

Emerging Leader Program 4 - 6pm in the Colonial Commons. Info: 994-6555

Faculty Authors Signing Reception 10 - 11am in the Special Collections Room, Gelman 207. Info: 994-7549

Marine Corps Info Table 10am - 2pm in the MC Ground Floor. Sponsored by the Career Center. Info: 994-6495

Study Abroad Info Meeting 4pm in Stuart 108. Info: 994-1649

Friday, October 21

Committee on Student Publications Meeting 9 - 11am in MC 410. Info: Kathleen 994-6555

Noonday Informal lunchtime with student led devotions. Sponsored by the Baptist Student Union. 12N in the Campus Ministry office every Friday. Info: Tammy 676-6434

King's College - University of London Reps 10:30am in Stuart 108. Info: 994-1649

Saturday, October 22

Medieval Day 12 - 5pm in the Rose Garden & the Gelman Quad. Come one, come all! Sponsored by the Program Board. Info: 994-7313

Sunday, October 23

Schlindler's List Film sponsored by the Program Board. 4pm in George's. Info: 994-7313

Students for Environmental Action 7:00 pm in MC 419.

NCS Members! What do you think of your profs? Join us at 6 pm in the Visitor Center to do academic evaluations before we register. Food! Info: 994-9410

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Undergrads will shadow med students for day

BY ERICA FRANKEL AND
MICHELLE VON EUW
HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

The Student Association is working to develop better contact between graduate and undergraduate students through a peer mentoring program, according to SA leaders.

First-year graduate student Charisse Smith, vice president of graduate policy for the Student Association, said the new "peer shadowing" program will be piloted at the GW Medical Center.

An undergraduate student will be matched with a medical student and will follow the older student for a week or two to find out what medical school is really about, Smith explained.

"You don't even have to be a pre-med student" to receive a mentor, Smith said.

SA President Al Park said if the

program is successful it will be expanded to include other graduate schools.

"This is just a baby step," said Park, who added that he hopes the program will involve students from the National Law Center by the spring. Smith said the SA also hopes to involve the School of Business and Public Management in the program.

Smith said the medical, law and business schools were chosen because they are "the programs least understood by the students."

However, the program will probably not include the Elliott School of International Affairs "because undergrad students have a pretty good idea of what it is about," according to Smith.

Although there is no definite date set, peer shadowing is expected to begin around the first or second week of November, Smith said.

Education is key to better America, Riley tells students

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continuing need for AIDS awareness and the influx of new immigrants," Riley said. In addition to combating these problems, the legislation also tries to give aid to those who need money for higher education.

Riley said he is concerned for America's youth. "When people ask me why I'm passionate about education, I tell them that a vast majority of the people in America's prisons are high school dropouts — minds and lives that are wasted," Riley said. "I believe that education has been and remains the way out of this lifestyle."

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said the Clinton administration's programs will help GW in various ways.

"I have been saying for a long time that the solution to the tuition spiral has got to come from the nation in general, and not merely from a single institution,"

Prospectives get a taste for GW life

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Other prospective students said they were still looking for their first-choice college.

Heather Ries of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. said, "I like it, but it's overwhelming for a college. I don't know where anything is."

"It's not my first choice," Stacey Dice of Baltimore said. "I want to see whether I want to go here" based on how friendly the atmosphere is, she said.

Dice indicated that she would be persuaded to attend GW if the weekend left a good impression.

Kyla Grogan of Chapel Hill, N.C. also agreed that the weekend will be integral in deciding whether or not GW is her first choice. "I like it so far. It's a nice place," she said.

Smoke damages Mitchell Hall rooms

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"When the smoke hit me, I realized it might be more than an exploding microwave," sophomore David Ferreira-Hickey said.

Some residents complained that the fire department was late in responding to the emergency. "They're right here on campus (in the 2100 block of G Street)," Bacigalupo said. "It shouldn't take that long."

Firefighter Veronica Morsell said the fire was called in at 10:58 a.m. and fire trucks were dispatched at 11 a.m. She said the trucks left to respond to the call at 11:02 a.m. and arrived at Mitchell at 11:06 a.m.

"That's four minutes we're talking about," Morsell said, "Four minutes is really not a lot of time for error."

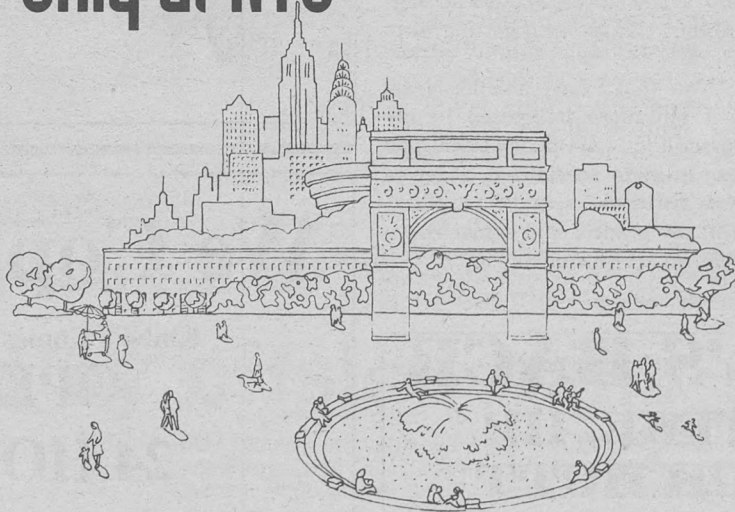
The fire was Mitchell's third in the past few months. A fire in June extensively damaged the roof of the building. A fire on the third floor in July did little damage but raised concerns that the fire alarm system was not functioning properly.



Photos by Dave Flintzen

Thursday's fire in Mitchell Hall prompted an evacuation that caught some students off guard. Students gather on the sidewalk (top) as firefighters prepare a ladder truck for possible action. Freshman Damon Lawson (below) waits patiently for a chance to get back into the shower.

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CAMPUS ROUNDUP

Syracuse groups register voters on campus

Syracuse University student organizations have succeeded in registering more than 1,500 students to vote in the state of New York, according to Syracuse's newspaper, The Daily Orange.

The New York Public Interest Group joined with student groups, including the University Democrats, the Student Government Association and several fraternities, to encourage students to register. So far, the drive has registered three times as many students as last year.

Actor William Baldwin, Chris Cuomo, son of New York governor Mario Cuomo, and musical band Shade 5 all appeared on Syracuse's campus Oct. 13 to help encourage students to register.

"The event promotes the awareness of students on campus," Martini LaGuerra, president of the University Democrats, told The Daily Orange.

Salmonella outbreak at Skidmore prompts investigation

Seven students at Skidmore College were diagnosed with salmonella last week, prompting concerns about sanitation in Skidmore's food services, the Skidmore News reported.

The Skidmore News said that the origin of the illness has not been discovered, but that Skidmore's College Food Services are under examination.

The New York State Department of Health was called to campus to investigate the outbreak of the dis-

ease. One official said the bacteria may have been introduced by an infected chicken or egg product. Sanitary procedures and contaminated food from off-campus eateries also may have caused the spread of the bacteria.

Seventy-five food service workers will be asked to volunteer to be tested by the Department of Health to determine if any are carriers of the disease.

The Skidmore News reported that a campus memo about the outbreak was mailed to all students. Anyone experiencing symptoms associated with salmonella — including diarrhea and vomiting — was asked to report to Student Health Services.

Programs for disabled available at CU's Kennedy Institute

The Joseph P. Kennedy Institute, on the campus of the Catholic University of America, provides programs for more than 175 disabled Washingtonians. Both adults and children who are dysfunctionally disabled take non-credit courses on Monday and Wednesday evenings in functional reading, mathematics, and social development, reported Catholic's newspaper, The Tower.

"Typically, special education ends with high school," Richard Nalley, coordinator of the disabled students continuing education program at CUA, told The Tower. The Kennedy Institute provides a unique and necessary service to "a population (that) needs ongoing support ... more than anybody," Nalley said.

—Michelle Von Euv

Professors, students note larger classes

BY AMY BETH SCHNEIDER

HATCHET REPORTER

With two of the largest freshman classes ever to hit GW still in their first two years here, class size is an issue that affects every undergraduate. University officials say they try to admit as many students as possible into classes while still reserving enough equipment and individual attention to each student.

"There is no set policy stating that a certain procedure must be followed. It is left to the discretion of the department to set limits on class size," Scheduling Officer Helen Stetter said.

In the biology department, space is the overriding criterion when deciding how many students to allow into a class, professor Elizabeth Wells said.

"The quality of the class is built into the size of the labs. We decide if we have space if we can fit a microscope and a kneehole at the lab table," Wells said.

The English department caps

classes based on the subject of the class, department office supervisor Constance Kibler said.

"We always have a cap of 20 for the writing classes because the students need a lot of individual attention. We also keep the Critical Theory class down to 25 because students require a lot of interaction with the professor. The limits are pretty well maintained," Kibler said. "The only complaints we get about class size are from students who didn't get into a class that they wanted."

In the case of required courses that get filled quickly, such as English 10 and 11, the department will try to open up additional sections or advise the student to take the class the following semester, Kibler said.

Students have mixed opinions on how class size affects their learning.

"I don't mind having a lot of people in my classes," sophomore Susan Williams said, adding that the more students there are in a class, the less likely she is to partic-

ipate.

"I think with intro classes, which are prone to be large, there are some cases where sections could be added. I think it makes a student less likely to go to class because of a lack of interaction," sophomore Heather Fix said.

"I notice a lot of people who never talk in class but who do talk once we are in small groups," said senior English major Kendra Bickle. "It is disappointing to me because I try to take classes that I don't think people will be interested in, and I show up and there are 40 people in the class. I think I'll have more one to one time with my professor if the subject is more specialized, but classes keep getting larger."

"Now that I have smaller classes, I am more interested in my courses and I have done better. The class is more specialized, I get to know my teachers, and it is reflected in my grade," said senior Steve Toole, an accounting major.

Hare Krishna students form campus group

BY LAWANA HOLLAND
HATCHET REPORTER

As the national director for the Iskcon Ministry, Hugh Fontaine said he feels that a lot of ignorance about the Hare Krishna religion is because of a lack of knowledge.

In an attempt to battle this ignorance, Fontaine, chaplain of the Hare Krishna Student Association, has brought the group to GW.

GW's chapter has 15 members, and Fontaine said close to 70 others have shown interest in joining his religion. In addition to GW, he also works with The American University and the University of Maryland.

Senior Nitixa Patel, the president of GW's chapter, has been a Hare Krishna since she was 6 years old.

"I want to break stereotypes so people will know who we are,"

Patel said. "I don't want people to judge us on what we wear or what we look like."

The ultimate goal is to "have an eternal relationship with the god Krishna" and to reawaken their love for him, Fontaine said. This can be done by chanting the Krishna mantra and praying to engage Krishna in their services.

Fontaine said the religion was not a cult.

"Catholicism was considered a cult at some point in history. Our religion may seem new here in the West, but in the Eastern world it is 5,000 years old," Fontaine said.

The group hopes to hold free vegetarian cooking classes, show videos or movies and read from the Bhagavad-Gita scriptures.

Members also are involved in a community service program at Dupont Circle called Hare Krishna Food for Life, and serve free vegetarian food to the homeless.

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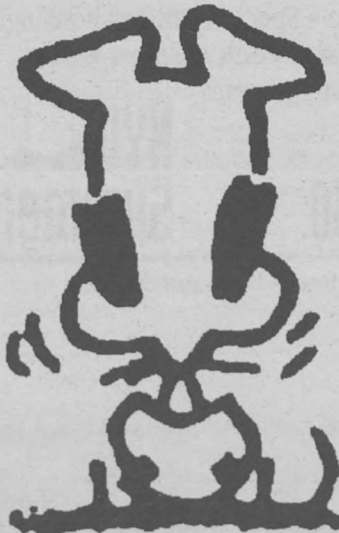


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Colonial Women's weekend full of peaks and valleys

Liu Li sprains ankle, set to return Thursday

By JARED SHER
 ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

GW volleyball rode an emotional and physical roller coaster this weekend, watching numerous streaks come to a crashing end against Massachusetts but picking up two critical victories despite the loss.

In addition, the Colonial Women lost the services of stand-out hitter Liu Li early in the second set against the University of Loyola-Chicago. Liu went up for a kill and landed on one of the Lady Ramblers' feet, turning her left ankle. She was helped off the court and her ankle was placed in a brace. She did not return to the match and subsequently missed the matches against UMass and Rhode Island.

The Colonial Women had not lost an Atlantic 10 conference game in more than a year. They had not lost at home in 22 straight matches and had a 17-match winning streak overall. It all ended

Saturday night when the Minutewomen rolled through the Smith Center with a vengeance, tearing GW apart by exploiting its weaknesses at every turn.

"The most significant factor is that generally in the A-10, when we step on the court, nobody thinks they can beat us. Now when we step on the court, everyone will think they can beat us," head coach Susie Homan said.

However, the Colonial Women tempered the loss by coming back to beat A-10 enemy Rhode Island the next night following a convincing win over Mid-East Regional rival Loyola-Chicago Thursday.

Homan was justifiably concerned following her team's poor showing against UMass but thrilled that GW came back to play well the next night.

"It was an incredible response to last night. That was our toughest loss in a few years, maybe in some of the kids' careers," Homan said. "There are some teams you never lose to. We had a small talk this afternoon and just re-prior-

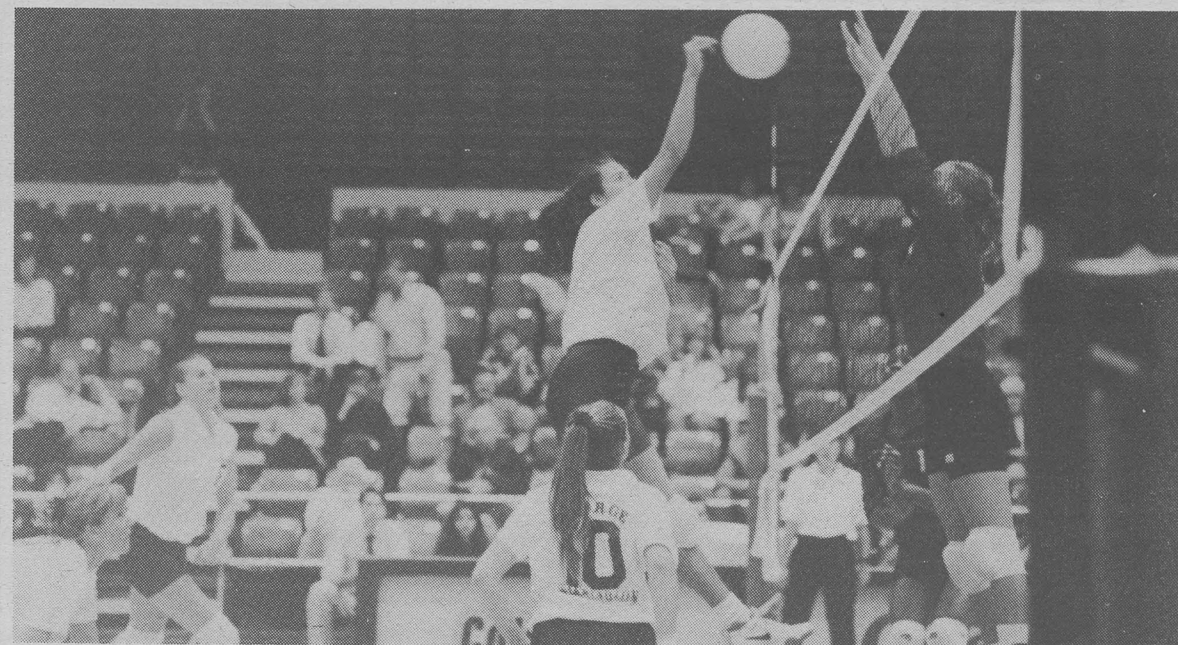


Photo by Tyson Trish

Anna Krimmel jumps for the kill against UMass Friday. Krimmel played a large role in stabilizing the front lines in Liu Li's absence.

tized our goals. We talked about what this team means."

GW vs. Rhode Island

The Colonial Women entered the game, on the heels of the devastating loss to UMass, in second place in the A-10 for the first time in two seasons. URI, at 6-0, was alone in first for about 15 hours following GW's loss - a stretch in which "I don't think any of us slept," Homan said.

GW did not buckle under the pressure of the loss, even without one of its star players in the lineup. The Colonial Women struggled early on, but found their offense in game 3 to power past the WRams (17-15, 10-15, 15-4, 15-3).

In game 1, GW jumped out to a 9-2 lead but continued a bad habit that developed into a weekend trend for the team. The Colonial Women simply could not close the door and put its opponents away down the stretch. Rhode Island clawed its way past three GW game points for one of its own before the Colonial Women prevailed in the extended set.

GW fell back on another perturbing trend in game 2, allowing unforced errors to dictate the flow of the set. The Colonial Women

committed 10 errors in game 2 alone en route to 23 for the match.

By the time game 3 rolled around, the team found the offense that had carried it to its tremendous start. GW had only three errors in the final two sets, both blowouts in which Svetlana Vtyurina (26 kills - .283) took control with thunderous shots through the URI defense.

GW vs. Massachusetts

The Colonial Women had their worst hitting performance of the season against their arch rivals. GW could only muster a .162 percentage, succumbing to the Minutewomen under the burden of 35 errors (8-15, 16-14, 15-12, 15-6).

The team looked strong despite playing without Liu in game 1, but it was all downhill from there. UMass roared out to a 5-0 lead in the second set, but the Colonial Women hung tough. The teams traded big plays to a tie at 13 before GW blew two game-point opportunities. The loss was deflating and allowed the Minutewomen to gain momentum and control the rest of the match.

"It's very simple. I think we were overconfident and they outplayed us," Homan said. "We knew

we were not playing well and not having (Liu Li) was a significant factor. It had nothing to do with strategy. We just had an incredible amount of unforced errors, and you just can't win big matches when you have that many."

Vtyurina led the way with 30 kills, hitting .362, aided by Kate Haubenreich's 60 assists. Stefanie Francis added 14 kills and Liz Martin 15 digs, but both hit under .200 for the match. Meanwhile, the usually dominating front line managed just 16 total blocks as a team.

GW vs. Loyola-Chicago

Liu led off the match and the wild weekend with an ace, and the Colonial Women brushed aside the regional foe (14-16, 15-9, 15-10, 15-11) despite losing a set at home for just the second time in a month.

The win was not without its costs, though. The opening game loss was the impetus for the frustrating series of blown game points that would accost the team throughout its three matches. GW had three more chances to win the set, but blew each of them on the way to the loss.

On the first play of the second game, Liu swung left to leap for a

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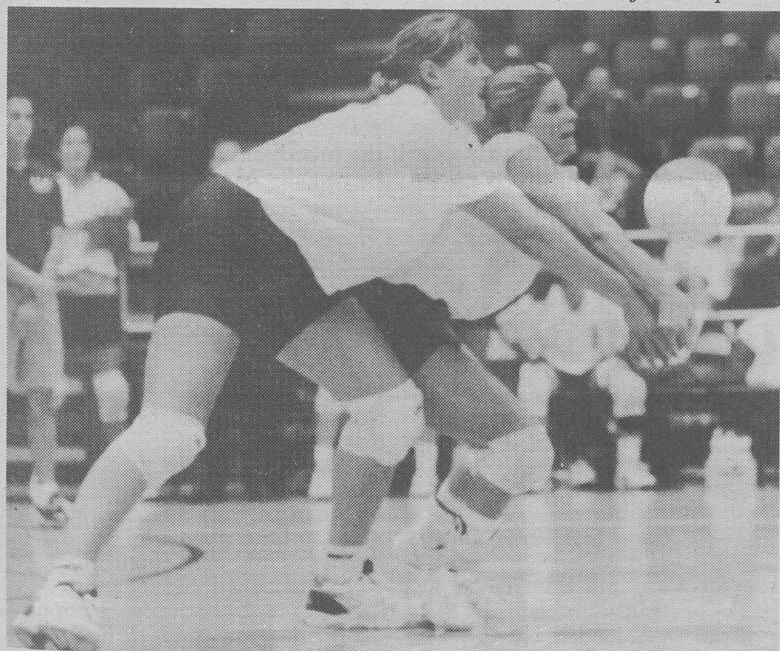


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Svetlana Vtyurina (left) and Liz Martin converge for a dig in the fierce battle against Massachusetts.

GW robbed by offside calls

By BEN OSBORNE
 HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The 17th-ranked GW women's soccer team had an eventful weekend, losing a frustrating game to Massachusetts Saturday 1-0 before bouncing back with a vengeance Sunday, thrashing Seton Hall 4-0.

GW 4, Seton Hall 0

GW came out firing Sunday at American University's field with three goals in the first 25 minutes and was led individually by freshman Chemar Smith's two goals and one assist.

Fellow freshman Kristin Robertson scored 12 minutes into the game off a feed from Tanya Vogel to give GW a 1-0 lead. Two minutes after Robertson's goal, GW increased its lead to 2-0 when yet another rookie, Natalie Froman, converted a pass from Smith.

Smith concluded the first half barrage with a goal assisted by Courtney Pollard at 24:44, and the game was pretty much over at that point. Smith also added a tally two minutes into the second stanza to conclude the day's scoring. Smith's goals on Sunday gave her a team-leading total of 10.

The final totals in shots on goal displayed GW's complete dominance of Seton Hall, a 4-8-1 team in its

first year of women's soccer. The Colonial Women's advantage was 29-2, allowing Traci Jensen to gain another shutout and get a break from the tough recent games she has played recently.

Smith was happy with Sunday's game, particularly after the annoyance of Saturday's loss. "Yesterday we got gypped," Smith said. "Today we were able to put it behind us and come out with a positive attitude."

UMass 1, GW 0

In the UMass game, the 7th-ranked Minutewomen, who also are GW's fiercest rival in the Atlantic 10, grabbed a first-half lead and barely hung on for the 1-0 victory. The first half represented a recent trend for GW, as it allowed UMass to dominate play, winning the shots on goal battle 14-2.

Nonetheless, thanks to Jensen's fine play in net, the Colonial Women hung on for a tie until 37:27, when UMass junior Nicole Roberts broke into the open field and knocked in her own rebound for a goal. The GW coaching staff complained to no avail that Roberts was offside on the play, but the fireworks were just beginning.

After the intermission, a different GW team took the field, controlling play by outshooting UMass 5-4

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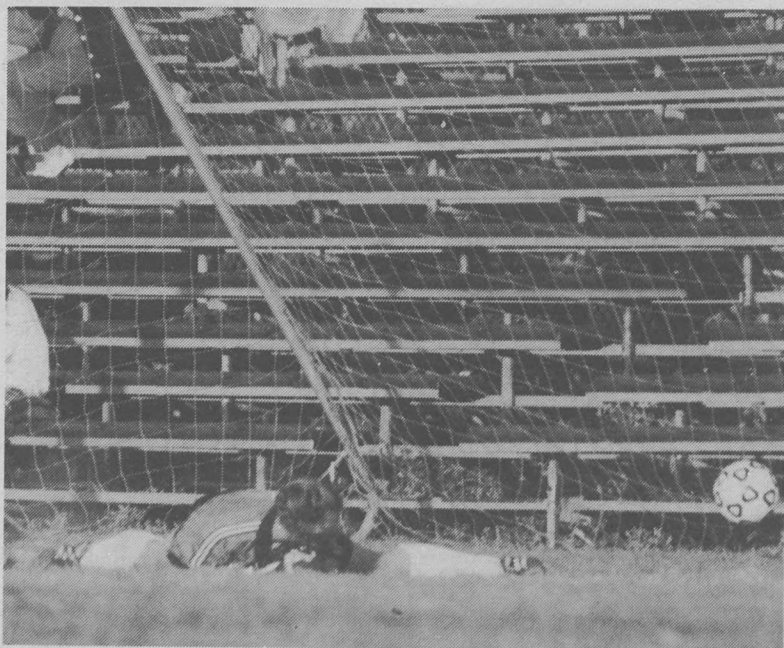


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The goal that wasn't: The Colonial Women thought they had tied 7th-ranked UMass on this shot, but officials made a delayed offside call and disallowed the goal.

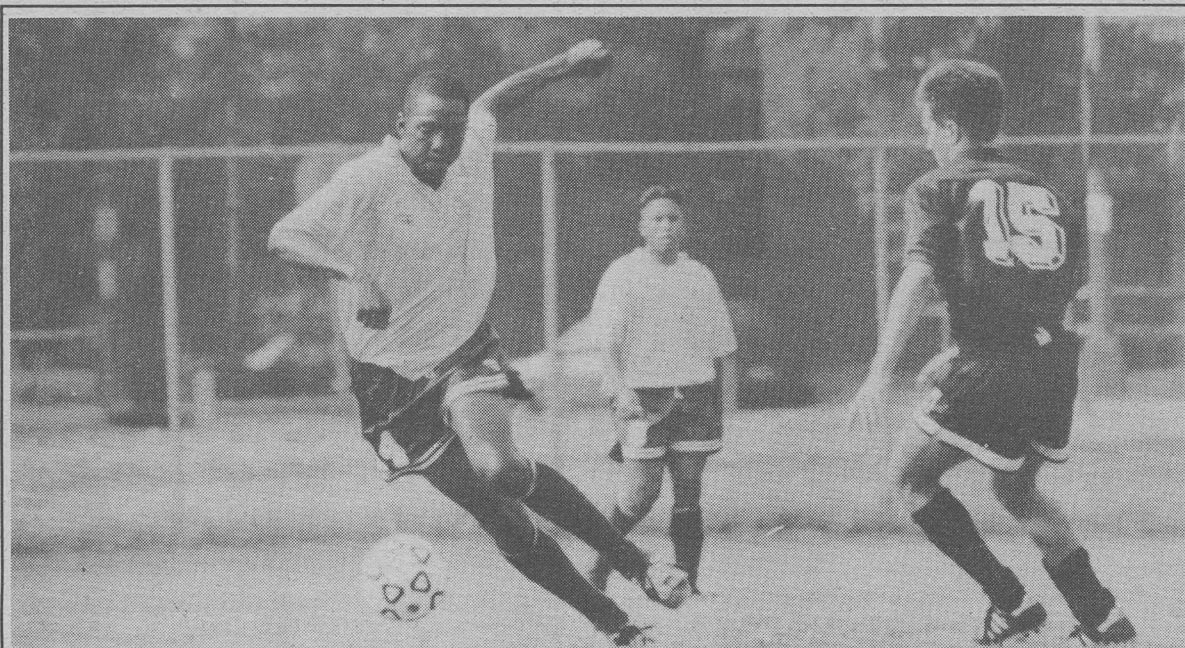
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Ricky Reid (#14) slices his way through the Temple defense on his journey downfield Sept. 17.

No relief in sight for men's soccer

Colonials bombarded 7-0 by conference-clinching Scarlet Knights

BY SHAINA RHEAM
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW men's soccer team suffered a 7-0 defeat to Atlantic 10 foe Rutgers Saturday. The loss leaves the Colonials with a 2-3 record in the A-10.

The Scarlet Knights jumped up on an early lead in the 7th minute when Dan Martin, alone in front of the net, deflected a cross from Jeremy Buttson into goal. They added another in the 27th minute to maintain a 2-0 lead going into halftime. Rob Johnson volleyed a shot over a GW defender and Colonial goalkeeper Ward McIntyre from 20 yards out.

The flood gates opened for the Scarlet Knights in the second half as they piled on five more goals.

"We just started to collapse after the second half," junior Pierre Douge explained. "I mean everyone collectively as a group got very frustrated so we were also discouraged as a group ... we had a couple of chances to score - we just

couldn't capitalize."

At 56:51, Brent Longenecker wove around the Colonials to shoot one in from 25 yards out. Then at 62:05 Phil Napolitano scored after receiving a cross from Ian Checcio. Two minutes later Hamisi Amani-Dove racked his fifth goal of the season by knocking in a deflected cross.

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after being assisted by Rocky Strazzella and the second goal came off an Alan Branigan pass.

The Scarlet Knights edged the Colonials in shot attempts 24-4. Joel Hough, Jason Zenowich,

Marcelo Valencia and Scott Zmrhal each contributed to the effort. McIntyre made 12 saves.

Rutgers clinched a birth into the A-10 tournament with the win, while the Colonials are still keeping their hopes alive for a bid.

"Right now the only thing we can worry about is just winning the rest of the A-10 games (against St. Bonaventure and West Virginia) and then we'll go from there," Douge said.

Injuries continue to be a problem for the Colonials. Zenowich received a concussion in this game and Alex Guerreiro went down with a knee

injury.

The need for players has become so dire that players, such as Van Martin, Valencia and Douge have been forced to play on injuries.

Harriers tune up for ultimate goal of A-10 championship

BY ERICH W. ZIMMERMANN
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

In their last meet before the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship, the GW men's and women's cross country teams tuned up at the University of Maryland Invitational. Head coach Greg Coan said it was a good chance to race against some tough competition.

Villanova finished first in both races. The Villanova women currently are the third-best cross country team in the nation, while the men hold the 22nd spot. The GW men finished second in the meet and the women third. The most encouraging aspect for the Colonial Women, however, is that they finished ahead of A-10 foe Duquesne.

Dave Sawyer did an excellent job keeping with Villanova's top two runners and finished in the fifth spot. Coan said Sawyer could have finished in the top three but was tired because of workouts.

Eric Woronick also hung tough and ran with Villanova's third and fourth racers in a seventh place finish. Alex Murray and John Hammond once again ran strong races, finishing 10th and 14th. Jason Weber continued to improve and closed his gap with Hammond to only 54 seconds. He has shown a marked improvement over the past few meets, and Coan said he has the ability to run 30 seconds faster.

The Colonial Women also ran an impressive race, keeping the gap between the first and fifth runner to only 24 seconds - a strong testament to the ability of this team to run together and push each other throughout the race. Tina Kearchner finished 16th overall, followed closely by the rest of the top five. Sara Castleberry, in a rebound from her race two weeks ago, finished 19th, Tarra Short 22nd, Jennifer Geiger 24th and Lauren Edwards 26th.

Now it is time for the teams to look ahead to the championship meet in two weeks at West Virginia.

"Both teams are heading in the right direction for conference," Coan said. "They are in shape and ready to run."

Coan plans on making the workouts leading up to the meet a little quicker but cutting the mileage to let the runners rest and go into the meet with fresh legs. He said that if the men hang in there, they have a chance to finish in the top two. For the women, he admits, "I am a little nervous. So many of the girls are very young and this is their first A-10s."

Coan said that if the women run a smart race they have a good chance at finishing as high as fourth - a great improvement over last year's seventh-place finish.

UMass spoils Smith Center party

(From p. 13)

kill, but landed awkwardly on her left ankle and was escorted from the court by athletic trainer Jackie Jenkins after remaining down for about three minutes.

The Colonial Women fought through the distraction of losing Liu for the first time since her NCAA eligibility problems of early September. Vtyurina led the way again (21 kills - .236), but the real credit went to Anna Krimmel, who dominated the front lines in Liu's absence. Krimmel crushed 13 kills,

hit .400 and performed admirably in her role as blocker, logging eight block assists.

Francis and Martin played full time and turned in equally key performances. Francis knocked down 10 kills, 10 digs and nine total blocks while her counterpart led the defense with 15 digs.

"Those two, they're so important," Homan said. "They're key players. They've seen more playing time on the court than anyone else in their careers."



Photo by Claire Duggan

Peter Clifford (#4) winds up for a shot in the Smith Center earlier this season as Brent Stoll (#7) looks on.

Water Polo drowns in ECAC

BY AARTHI RAJARAMAN
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

The Colonials took three straight losses during the Eastern Water Polo Association Tournament, ending the season in disappointment and failing to qualify for Conference playoffs.

"We just played flat - our two weeks of prior training reflected our playing," junior Trevor Rodin said.

Villanova 16, GW 8

In its first matchup, the team took a 16-8 loss to the eventual champs from the University of Villanova.

"We didn't play together as a team and that led to a breakdown of both our offense and defense," Rodin said.

Johns Hopkins 23, GW 12

The tension mounted as the team took on a strong team from Johns Hopkins University. Hopkins com-

pletely dominated the Colonials, coming away with a 23-12 win.

Despite six goals from freshman Brent Stoll, the team could not regroup, as it lost three of its starters as well as its coach. At the start of the period, head coach Andy Turnage was removed from the game and the team lacked guidance. In addition, freshman starter Dan Batten was ejected for brutality, while junior Dave Thomas and freshman Pete Clifford fouled out.

Washington and Lee 18, GW 13

The mood carried on into the next game, and the Colonials took yet another pounding, 18-13, from Washington and Lee University.

Stoll and Clifford led the offensive drive with a combined 11 goals, but this was not enough as Washington and Lee took advantage of the Colonials' weak defense.

Rodin reflected on the past weekend. "We came in thinking we would win and we were probably a little too cocky," he said.

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I'm sorry about the soccer safari; man that's far out

I guess, among other things, I owe the GW community both a congratulations and an apology. First of all, the apology: I'm sorry. There, I said it, that wasn't so hard.

I realized this weekend for the first time how incredibly far RFK Auxiliary Field really is from the Metro station. Although that shouldn't be an excuse to miss perhaps the most exciting team GW has right now, I can see why people would prefer not to hike some 100 miles over two highways to get to the field.

For that matter, why does that big, blue bus only drive people to games, but not back from them? Perhaps the driver would rather meander around the Antique Show in the D.C. Armory than see us home safely. In any case, there should be some way of getting to and from these games. Maybe if we had more fans screaming obscenities at the referees Saturday, the disallowed goal against UMass would have stood and we could have tied (or dare I say beaten) the 7th-ranked Minutewomen.

On the other hand, I was pleased to see the overwhelming response to my last column at Thursday's volleyball match. There were 294 people there, all of whom were obviously there specifically in light of my demands.

The only problem is, I felt like I was in high school all over again. For every GW student on hand, there were three parents there. Anyone who can do ratios can clearly tell you that this is embarrassing in and of itself. Let's come on out this weekend and show those parents what we're made of. Oops, the volleyball team will be in Pittsburgh. Oh well, see ya on the bus.

-Jared Sher

GW muddles on, minus star

By KYNAN KELLY
SPORTS EDITOR

James Taylor set the Colonials on the road to glory, but bailed out when they may have needed him the most. Just days after his departure to a pro tour in England, the GW golf team turned in a 13th-place finish Oct. 15-16 at the ECAC Golf Tournament at the Colgate University (N.Y.) Seven Oaks Golf Course.

GW's two-day total score of 643 left it eight points behind the next-best schools - Boston College and Princeton - which tied with 635 scores. Harvard won the championship with a 612, followed by Central Connecticut State (623) and Skidmore (625). Twenty teams competed on the par 72 course.

GW was in 11th place after day 1 with a 323 and actually improved on that Sunday with a 320.

None of the Colonials could put together a consistent weekend. Scott Lutz finished day 1 tied for 17th with a 77 but managed an 86 on Sunday. He tied for 66th overall.

Bobby Snyder, who tied for 32nd, was the highest finisher for GW with a two-day total of 157. He shot an 85 Saturday but made up for it with a 72 Sunday.

Tae-Sik Hong tied for 56th with a 161 (80, 81), while Rob Duva golfed a 165 (81, 84) to tie for 78th. Gray Fontenot's 169 (86, 83) was good enough for a 103rd-place finish.

Mackenzie Hurd of Dartmouth shot a 71 on Saturday and a 73 on Sunday to finish first with a 144. Brett Rosenberger of Indiana College (Pa.) placed second with a 145 (74, 71) and Harvard's Joel Radtke turned in a third-place score of 147 (74, 73).

Colonial Women loot Pirates

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and generally setting the tempo throughout the half. With just nine minutes remaining, GW was awarded a free kick outside the penalty box, and sophomore Jennifer Vogel skillfully headed the ball past sprawling UMass goalie Daniele Dion, apparently tying the game.

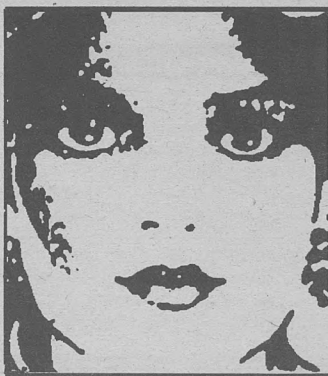
After a brief GW celebration, the referee made a delayed offside call on Vogel, negating the goal and sending the team, coaching staff and Family Weekend home crowd into an angry frenzy at the RFK

Auxiliary Field. The Colonial Women mounted a few more chances, but for the most part, they were deflated after the non-goal.

Following the game, Vogel was still baffled about the call against her.

"I've never seen off-sides called on a play like that, and it's upsetting because the refs ended up determining the game," she said.

GW head coach Shannon Higgins-Cirovski also said she was upset about the call, but she focused her comments in other directions.



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Adam Berg scored the first try when teammate Jason Wallach blocked a CSU kick on CSU's own try line. Berg recovered the ball and put it over the line. After Coppin State scored, GW formed an eight-man pickup with a won ball out of a five-meter scrum. Henderson took it and put it in the corner for the successful try.

The Colonials travel to St. Mary's College in Maryland Oct. 29 for the Potomac Rugby Union Championship Tournament.

GW women's tennis goes into winter a winner

The GW women's tennis team assured itself of either a fifth or sixth place finish in the East region by placing third at the ITA Championships at the University of Pennsylvania. The team beat Penn in the first match on Silvie Fleurian's critical come-from-behind win in the third set.

Harvard punished GW in the second match, as Karina Ramirez was the only Colonial Woman to register a victory in a huge upset (6-2, 6-0) of Harvard's highly-ranked Gina Majmudar.

GW tied for third place with a win over Penn State.

-Kynan Kelly

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